

**Please Amend Claims 1-3 and 6-10 as follows:**

1. (Currently Amended) A surface emitting device having a bar-shaped light source, a light guiding plate for entering a light of the light source from a lateral end surface and emitting the light from an emissive surface, and a cover for supporting the bar-shaped light source and the light guiding plate, wherein

the cover is made of a metal plate having a spring characteristic, a substantially bracket-shaped cross sectional shape, a width of the bracket-shaped cover on a side of an opening portion is smaller than the width on the opposite side, and the cover covers the bar-shaped light source and the light guiding plate and pinches the light guiding plate by the opening portion of the bracket-shaped cover, so as to make the bar-shaped light source and the light guiding plate into close contact and support the ~~both~~ bar-shaped light source and the light guide plate.

2. (Currently Amended) The surface emitting device, according to Claim 1, wherein

a protrudent portion is provided on an upper inner surface of the bracket-shaped cover at a position corresponding to a top of the bar-shaped light source, so as to pinch the bar-shaped light source, and the opening portion of the bracket-shaped cover pinches the light guiding plate, thereby making the bar-shaped light source and the light guiding plate into close contact and supporting the ~~both~~ bar-shaped light source and the light guide plate.

3. (Currently Amended) The surface emitting device, according to Claim 1, wherein

the width of a distal end portion of the opening portion of the bracket-shaped cover is ~~made~~ larger than the narrowest width of the cover.

4. (Original) The surface emitting device, according to Claim 1, wherein

a reflective film for reflecting a light from the light source is provided in an inner surface of the metal plate which forms the cover, having the spring characteristic.

5. (Original) The surface emitting device, according to Claim 1, wherein

the metal plate which forms the cover, having the spring characteristic, is made of stainless steel with mirror finished surface by electrolytic polishing.

6. (Currently Amended) The surface emitting device, according to Claim 1, wherein

the metal plate which forms the cover, having the spring characteristic, is made of chrome plated low alloy steel-chrome plated.

7. (Currently Amended) The surface emitting device, according to Claim 1, wherein

projections for pinching the lateral end portion of the light guiding plate therebetween in the width direction are provided on the both ends of the cover and by these projections, the light guiding plate is positioned in the width direction.

8. (Currently Amended) The surface emitting device, according to Claim 1, wherein

protrudent portions protruding in the width direction of the light guiding plate are formed in ~~the~~ both ends of the cover, projections are extended respectively from the protrudent portions one of in a longitudinal direction of the light guiding plate ~~or~~ and in a direction orthogonal to the longitudinal direction of the respective protrudent portions, and a space between the ~~both~~ projections is substantially identical to the width of the light guiding plate.

9. (Currently Amended) The surface emitting device, according to Claim 8, wherein

the projections ~~are served~~ serve as fit portions for fixing the surface emitting device to a case.

10. (Currently Amended) The surface emitting device, according to Claim 9, wherein

each of the projections is formed by a base extended from each end of the cover in a thickness direction of the light guiding plate, a fit plate extended from a distal end of the base in the longitudinal direction of the light guiding plate, a hook portion extended from an outward side of the fit plate and bent upwardly at a connected portion with the fit plate, and a hooked projection bent upward from a distal end portion of the fit plate.

11. (Original) A liquid crystal display, in which  
the surface emitting device according to Claim 1 is provided in front of a liquid crystal display element.